

Minutes of Water District 130 Annual Meeting
Tuesday February 6, 2007
Fish and Game Regional Office
Jerome, Idaho

Chairman Rex Minchey opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and introduced Allen Merrit, Tim Luke, Corbin Knowles, and Jana Jones from Idaho Department of Water Resources. Rex then introduced members of the WD 130 Advisory committee members present.

The first order of business was the election of the WD 130 Chairman. Rex opened nominations for WD 130 Chairman. **Dan Temple nominated Rex Minchey Chairman. Seconded by Dan Temple. Phyllis Beard moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Gary Bowman.** Minchey was re-elected chairman on a voice vote.

The next order of business was election of WD 130 Secretary. **Dean Stevenson nominated Lynn Tominaga Secretary. Seconded by Dan Temple. Gary Bowman moved nominations cease. Seconded by Gary Lemmon.** Passed on a voice vote.

Tominaga read the minutes of February 7, 2006 WD 130 annual meeting. (See attached minutes) **Phyllis Beard moved to accept last year minutes as read. Seconded by Dan Temple.**

Tim Luke gave an updates on the formation of WD 100, 110, 140, Carey Ground Water Users, and Raft River GWD. **(Give more detail ?)**. Tim explained Idaho Code 42-620 and the formation of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Advisory Committee and the budget that has come forth from IDWR. Tm talked about the four new water delivery calls for 2007 in the Thousand Springs Reach (TSR) and he talked about potential curtailments in WD 130 coming this year.

Corbin Knowles, IDWR "IDWR PCC audits 2006"

- ❖ Audit 5% of PCC measurements performed in 2005
- ❖ PCC validity for each Point of Diversion visited during the Audits.
- ❖ How did the derived PCC track from year to year (could we repeat the measurement the following summer) and could we extend the time between repeat measurements
- ❖ How many of the 4433 were actually being visited every three years
- ❖ Hydrographer Methodology for collecting PCC data

Conclusions and Recommendations:

- ❖ IDWR will continue to look at PCC validity and make recommendations to State Water Masters on the use of PCC
- ❖ PCC can be used for estimating water use in simple 1-3 operating condition systems.
- ❖ The PCC repeatability project will continue through Audits, Data Base management, data analysis and training.
- ❖ Flow meters- a good alternate if PCC is not valid.

Sub district reports:

Lynn Carlquist, NSGWD had no report

Dan Temple, A & B ID had no report

Dean Stevenson, MVGWD had no report

Larry Cope, Spring Owners- had no report

Water Master Report

Cindy Yenter presented the 2006 Watermaster report covering the following topics:

2006 Summary of Activities

WD 130 Report Statistics

- 1815 reporting diversions
- Four active reporting subdistricts
 - *North Snake Ground Water District*
 - *Magic Valley Ground Water District*
 - *A&B Irrigation District*
 - *City of Rupert*
- 3,344,302 acre-feet average annual diversions (2001-2005)
 - *628,000 AF consumptive uses*
 - *2.72 million AF nonconsumptive uses*

Ground Water Distribution

- Irrigation place of use violations
 - *Almost non-existent since compliance verification began*
- Transfer processing
 - *All transfers on hold during 2006 pending SRBA completions*
- Measurement Program Compliance
 - *At an all-time high, with most diversions in compliance and many data gaps filled. As a result we are accumulating more accurate data.*

Oversight Activity

- Commercial Flow Meter Audits
 - *Approximately 300 end-of-year readings*
 - *Still experiencing some reporting violations*
- Irrigation System Audits
 - *PCC Audits Conducted by IDWR staff*
 - *Problem with data collection on metered systems*
- Data Quality Assurance Checks
 - *By Watermaster and IDWR*
 - *Some data entry*

Ground Water Measurement Activity

77 Total Flow Meter Exams

- 17 MVG
- 32 NSG
- 28 WD

297 Total PCC Exams

- 140 MVG
- 149 NSG
- 8 WD

374 of 500 required measurements (75%) – does not account for shared flow meters, hour meter systems, likely closer to 80%

Other Activity

- Review of mitigation plan submitted during 2006 by IGWUA. Verification of idled acres was completed. This plan has not been approved.
- Assistance in review of CREP applications
- Assistance in identification of ESPA spring monitoring sites

Changes for IDWR and Water District 130 for 2007

- Karl Dreher was not reappointed by Governor Otter. David Tuthill was appointed interim Director.
- WD130 was expanded, by Order, to include about 20 spring diversions in B37. These are located mostly in the River Road area south of Bliss.
- WD130 will be required to contribute funds for ESPA monitoring

Goals for 2007

- Increase reporting compliance for metered irrigation systems
- Increase measurement numbers
- Schedule training for WMIS.net
- Enforcement of diversions with assessments in arrears
- Water right transfers – get all new approvals in water district records
- Keep an adaptive management style

Budget Analysis

Cindy gave an analysis of this years budget.

Watermaster –

- 2080 hours allocated (FTE)
- 1961 hours worked

Watermaster Assistant –

- 625 hours allocated (part time)
- 512 hours worked

Clerical –

- 312 hours allocated (14% FTE)
- 277 hours worked
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Proposed Budget 2007

Recommendations for 2007:

- *Watermaster should continue to be funded at 100%*
- *Watermaster Assistant hours increased to 800*
- *Retention of clerical position*
- *Carry-over of 2006 savings to 2007*
- *Spending authority for monitoring*

Total 2007 Budget \$90,701

■ Budget categories:

- *Administrative Costs – applicable to all users*
- *Measurement/Reporting Costs – applicable to only those water users not reporting to a subdistrict*

■ 2007 Highlights

- *Increase in salary and insurance costs*
- *Increases in both budget categories will be offset by carryover money*

Cindy talked about the base budget and the alternate budget 1 and alternate budget 2.

- Once the budget is approved, WD130 will finalize individual charges, prepare and send assessments
- Assessment payments due April 1, 2007
- Payments received after May 1, 2007 will be subject to 10% penalty plus 1% interest per month

Rex Minchey explained the advisory committee is recommending only adopting the base budget but holding a meeting later after more details on costs and what the water users will be paying for under 42-620 I.C. and the monitoring costs.

The advisory committee is recommending holding a special meeting of water users may be called during 2007 by the advisory committee, for purposed of adopting a supplemental budget and collecting assessments.

Phyllis Moved to adopt the resolutions as read. Seconded by Larry Cope. Passed on a voice vote.

Dean Stevenson moved to adopt the base budget of \$90,701 as presented. Seconded by Gary Bowman. Passed on voice vote.

Chairman moved for a recess at 3:15 p.m. to allow for subdistrict caucuses

NSG Lynn Carlquist, Rodney Bolich (alt)

MVG Dean Stevenson, Orlo Maughan (alt)

A&B Dan Temple, Dan Schaeffer (alt)
B 37 Dick Elliot, Rich Dinges (alt)
C/I Rex Minchey, Phyllis Beard, Faye Featherly (alt), Karen Cummings (alt)
SW Larry Cope, Gary Lemmon, Jon Bowling, /Randy McMillian, Dwayne Knigge,
Linda Lemmon (alt),

Chairman Minchey reconvened the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

No further business before the WD 130.

Moved by Dean Stevenson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gary Bowman. Passed
by voice vote. 3:35 p.m.